

Summer Tips for Pets

The hot days of summer are here.....

With the summer here, the temperature in a parked car or truck can reach 160 degrees in a matter of minutes, even with partially opened windows. Your cat or dog does not have sweat glands to help cool the body. With only hot air to breath, your pet can quickly suffer brain damage or even die from heatstroke.

Signs of heat stress:

- Heavy panting
- Glazed eyes
- Rapid pulse
- Dizziness or lack of coordination
- Vomiting
- Deep red or purple tongue

If your pet gets overheated you must lower the body temperature immediately!

Get the animal into shade; apply cool, not cold, water all over the body. Apply ice packs or cold towels only to head, neck or chest. Let the animal drink small amounts of cool water, or lick ice cubes or ice cream. Get your pet to a veterinarian right away – it could save its life.